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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: A North Korean Attack (Pre-H-Hour Scenario Study) (U)

1. (S/NOFORN) In January, General Vessey, Commander in Chief, United Nations Command (CINCUNC), expressed his concern over the Indications and Warning (I&W) in Korea and recommended several topical areas wherein improvements might be sought. Among these, he requested that "worst case" scenarios for a North Korean attack be developed. It was hoped that these scenarios would permit the development of promising indicators of hostilities and improvement in our collection and analytic efforts.

2. (S/NOFORN) Accordingly, a Scenario Study Group, comprised of intelligence analysts from the Central Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, the Services, Pacific Command (PACOM), CINCUNC and Intelligence Pacific (IPAC), and operations personnel from PACOM and CINCUNC, was convened. Although the Group met in formal session only during the period 2-13 May, intensive effort continued throughout the month of May. The completed Scenario Study is forwarded herewith. It represents the most intensive study to date on how the North Koreans would prepare for an attack against the Republic of Korea. The important task of collection analysis of the postulated scenario events is underway on a priority basis.

3. (S/NOFORN) I am pleased with the efforts of the Study Group and believe their efforts have resulted in the identification of some promising indicators and in a series of recommendations which merit serious consideration. All have potential for improvement in our I&W posture vis a vis Korea. Additionally, the Study represents an important contribution to the forthcoming National Intelligence Estimate Warning in Korea, NIE 14-21-77.

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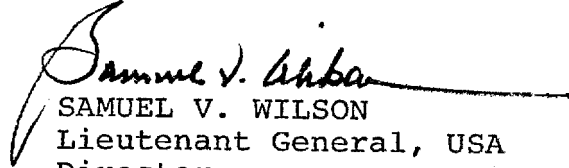
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4. (U) Inasmuch as recommendations one and four (pages 4. and 5. respectively) fall within the purview of the Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation (COMIREX), I request that these recommendations be referred to the Committee for consideration and implementation. The remaining recommendations have been referred to the appropriate agency.

1 Enclosure
Study [redacted]
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